

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
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**DATE: APRIL 16, 2021**

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO “SURROGATE  
AVOIDED RESOURCE” AVOIDED COST RATES; CASE NO. GNR-E-21-  
01.**

On April 16, 2021, Commission Staff filed an Application requesting the Commission update inputs to the surrogate avoided resource method (“SAR Method”) model used by the Commission to calculate published avoided cost rates. Staff also proposed administrative updates to the SAR Method model. Commission Staff’s Application responds to Commission directive in GNR-E-20-01. *See* Order No. 34628 at 1 (stating, “Subsequent annual SAR updates will be initiated with an Application to the Commission.”).

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a comment deadline of May 13, 2021, and a reply comment deadline of May 20, 2021. Staff’s proposed schedule is designed to accommodate updated SAR Method rates by June 1, 2021.

### COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a comment deadline of May 13, 2021, and a reply comment deadline of May 20, 2021?

  
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